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SUBJECT: ECAFE: SECOND SESSION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES; JUNE 25-26, 1974

FOLLOWING ARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ITEMS LISTED IN  
PROVISIONAL AGENDA (OES/ACPR(2)/1):

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: DEL MAY SUPPORT ADOPTION OF  
PROVISIONAL AGENDA, BUT IF ITEM 4, "ANY OTHER BUSINESS",  
SHOULD BE SPELLED OUT, SEEK INSTRUCTIONS ON SPECIFIC  
SUBJECTS TO BE RAISED.
  2. WORLD FERTILIZER FUND: SEPTTEL WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.
  3. (A) TERMS OF REFERENCES OF MAIN COMMITTEES: WITH  
ONE EXCEPTION WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH TERMS OF  
REFERENCE LISTED IN OES/ACPR/2. WORDING SEEMS TO BE  
GENERAL AND FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO COVER FUTURE POTENTIALITIES.  
OUR PROBLEM IS WITH WHAT TO DO WITH SRI LANKA'S PROPOSAL  
FOR SEPARATE COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING AND INVISIBLES. OUR  
BASIC POSITION REMAINS THAT IN STATE'S 126132. WE ARE  
NOT IMPRESSED BY DISTINCTION MADE ON PAGE ONE OF OES/ACPR/6
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BETWEEN "OPERATIONAL" AND "ECONOMIC" ASPECTS OF SHIPPING

AND PREFER AS COMPLETE A CONSOLIDATION AS POSSIBLE OF ALL SHIPPING SUBJECTS IN ONE COMMITTEE, AS IS IMPLIED IN LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 1(A) OF LATTER DOCUMENT. ALTHOUGH

WE ARE WILLING TO LISTEN TO COUNTER ARGUMENTS, IT IS OUR TENTATIVE CONCLUSION THAT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SHOULD BE FOCUS OF ALL SHIPPING MATTERS, OBVIOUSLY WITH ANY NECESSARY COORDINATION WITH TRADE COMMITTEE. US DEL SHOULD SUPPORT ANY MOTION TO THAT EFFECT OR ONE STATING THAT PERMREPS SHOULD STUDY SUBJECT MORE CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION. APPOINTING "SELECTED GROUP OF EXPERTS" TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION ON SHIPPING SEEMS UNNECESSARY, BUT DEL MAY SUPPORT THAT IF NEITHER OF ABOVE POSSIBILITIES HAS SUFFICIENT SUPPORT.

(B) SUBSIDIARY BODIES: WE ACCEPT WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE ONE OF BASIC IDEAS BEHIND ENTIRE RATIONALIZATION PROJECT, I.E. ALL SUB-COMMITTEES AND SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE ABOLISHED AND REPLACED BY AD HOC BODIES TO BE CALLED AS NEEDED. THAT IS BASIC THRUST OF OES/ACPR/3 AND US DEL SHOULD AGREE WITH THAT. WE WILL NOT INSIST THAT THERE BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS GENERAL RULE, BUT CANNOT UNDERSTAND TWO OF THE VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS PROPOSED IN ABOVE DOCUMENT. SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING IS SAID TO BE "USEFUL", A FACT WHICH IS NOT ADEQUATE BASIS FOR MAKING AN EXCEPTION. DOCUMENT ALSO RECOMMENDS EXPERT GROUP ON PROGRESS EVALUATION DURING SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE BE RETAINED. SINCE THIS SAME SUBJECT IS THE FIRST LISTED ASSIGNMENT OF NEW ECONOMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (SEE PAGE 2 OF OES/ACPR/2), DEL SHOULD OPPOSE CONTINUATION OF ABOVE-MENTIONED EXPERT GROUP. WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH EXCEPTIONS DISCUSSED ON PAGE 4, TRADE NEGOTIATIONS GROUP AND INTRAREGIONAL TRADE PROMOTION TALKS, SINCE BOTH SOUND MORE LIKE AD HOC BODIES THAN SUB-COMMITTEES. IF DISAGREEMENTS OCCUR ON ABOLISHING OR CONTINUING SPECIFIC SUBCOMMITTEE OR SIMILAR BODY, DEL SHOULD SUPPORT MAKING USE OF PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN PARA 3 OF RES 143 (XXX).  
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